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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM EC BRUSSELS MAY 14

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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND ISRAEL: US DISCUSSION WITH
COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES

1. SUMMARY. STOESSEL, MALMGREN AND GREENWALD MET WITH EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES ON MAY 13 TO INFORM HIM OF US INTENTION TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXIII.1 WITH REGARD TO DISCRIMINATION AND TRADE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM EC PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH SPAIN AND ISRAEL. THEY ALSO DESCRIBED US DESIRE TO BEGIN A PROCESS OF DISCUSSION OF THE BROADER ISSUES RAISED BY EC TRADE PREFERENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS TOWARD THE GOAL OF FINDING ALTERNATIVES TO THE PRESENT
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SYSTEM. SOAMES ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT THE US HAD A RIGHT TO CONSULT WITH THE EC IF IT WISHED. SOAMES REACTED VERY NEGATIVELY, HOWEVER, TO THE ADDITIONAL US SUGGESTION FOR GENERAL EXAMINATION OF PREFERENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS. HE INTERPRETED THIS AS A BASIC ATTACK ON THE EC TRADE AGREEMENTS IN GENERAL AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH THE EFTA NON- APPLICANT COUNTRIES. HE FELT CONSTRAINED TO REPORT TO THE MAY 14-15 EC COUNCIL BOTH ELEMENTS OF THE US POSITION IN VIEW OF THE HIGH POLITICAL CONTEXT IN WHICH IT HAD BEEN PRESENTED. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SOAMES BE ADVISED TO EXCLUDE FROM HIS REPORT THATNGS ON THE BASES BEFORE INDEPENDENCE, ADDING THAT IF WE WERE UNABLE TO REACH ACCORD ON NEW AGREEMENTS BEFORE JULY 10, WE WOULD NEED AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES TO EXTEND THE EXISTING BASE AGREEMENTS ON AN INTERIM BASIS AFTER INDEPENDENCE. PINDLING MADE CAREFUL NOTE OF THIS. SPEAR

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